

SECTION M - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS, AND NOTICES TO BIDDERS

M.1 PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Provision(s) at the beginning of this Section are incorporated by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Provisions incorporated by reference which require a fill-in by the Government include the text of the affected paragraph(s) only. This does not limit the provision to the affected paragraph(s). The Contractor is responsible for understanding and complying with the entire provision. The full text of the provision is available at the addresses contained in provision 52.252-1, Solicitation Provisions Incorporated by Reference, of this solicitation.

(End of provision)

M.2 EVALUATION OF OPTIONS (52.217-5) (JUL 1990)

M.3 EVALUATION OF PRICE: The evaluation of bids and awarding of the contract will be made to the responsive, responsible bidder whose bid, conforming to the invitation for bid, offers the lowest overall price to the Government. The Government's evaluation of bids will be based on the "Total Overall Evaluated Price (TOEP)". The TOEP will be the amount proposed in Part I, Section B, Summary of Prices "SUM OF TOTAL AMOUNTS -- TRANSITION, BASE, PLUS OPTIONS". Bidders are cautioned to ensure bid amounts are correct and no mistakes are made when inserting amounts for the CLINS and Summary of Prices.

Although not included in the TOEP, the Government will evaluate the reasonableness of the bidders proposed prices for Section B, Clause B.5 "SCHEDULE OF PRE-PRICED IDIQ CUSTODIAL SERVICES "OVER-AND-ABOVE" THE FIXED PRICED PORTION OF THE CONTRACT FOR BASIC CUSTODIAL SERVICES". In accordance with FAR 14, any bid may be rejected if the contracting officer determines in writing that it is unreasonable as to price. Unreasonableness of price includes not only the total price of the bid, but the prices for individual line items as well. Any bid may be rejected if the prices for any line items or subline items are materially unbalanced.

(End of provision)

NOTE: Contract award can only be made to the small business concerns expressly certified by the Small Business Administration in the SBA's 8(a) program.

(End of Section)